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SUBJ: THAILAND AMMUNITION MANUFACTURING PLANT EXPANSION

1. REQUEST PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE SOONEST TO MR. GEORGE L. VASILOW, PRESIDENT, V AND O PRESS COMPANY, INC., HUDSON, N.Y. 12534 (CABLE VANDO).

2. US ARMY ORDNANCE ADVISORS AND US TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE AT BANGKOK DESIRE TO HAVE USG PURCHASE V AND O MANUFACTURED 25 ST HIGH-SPEED PRIMER INSERT MACHINE WITH FY 73 MILITARY ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR ROYAL THAI ARMY THAILAND AMMUNITION MANUFACTURING PLANT (TAMP) EXPANSION PROJECT. THIS MACHINE HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY V AND O'S T.R. RUDEL DURING 1973 VISIT TO BANGKOK AND STRONGLY ENDORSED BY US TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE AT PLANT.

3. US ARMY ORDNANCE OFFICIALS AT FRANKFORD ARSENAL, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT YET APPROVED THIS PURCHASE BECAUSE THEY FEEL THAT THE MACHINE IS TOO SOPHISTICATED FOR TAMP PERSONNEL. FRANKFORD OFFICIALS SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE PURCHASE OF RW 52 PRESSES WITH LESSER CAPABILITIES. (FRANKFORD SUGGESTION WOULD NECESSITATE PURCHASE OF THREE RW 52 PRESSES AT \$195,000 TO DO SAME JOB THAT VAND O'S 25 ST CAN DO AT \$70,000.)

4. US TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE AT TAMP BELIEVES THAT 25 ST MACHINE IS NOT REPEAT NOT TOO COMPLICATED FOR TAMP PERSONNEL

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AND THAT IS WOULD FIT NEATLY INTO EXPANSION PROJECT.

5. AS PRIMER INSERT MACHINE PROCUREMENT WITH FY73 MAP
FUNDS MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY 30 JUNE 74, REQUEST THAT V AND O
CABLE EMBASSY DIRECTLY (ATTN: POMIL SECTION F.B. CORRY)
WITH ITS (OR RUDEL'S) VIEWS THAT 25 ST IS OR IS NOT SUITABLE
FOR TAMP. ARMY ADVISORS BANGKOK BELIEVE THEY NEED V AND O
VIEWS SOONEST TO BREAK BUREAUCRATIC LOG-JAM AT FRANKFORD
ARSENAL.
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